

CHATS BY THE WAY

John Verkerke a Self-Made Republican

NOW IN A GOOD POSITION

He Came From Holland in a Three-Master—Health is Good in This City—New Orleans Pointers.

Alderman John Verkerke came across the ocean in a sailing vessel. It need not necessarily be inferred from this statement that John is past 60. He was born in Holland in 1850. In the summer of 1890 his parents wished to come to America, but as Asiatic cholera was raging in Holland at the time no steamers were allowed to carry passengers to America, so the family shipped on the "Old Baltimore," a three-master, and



JOHN VERKERKE.

after fifty-two days on the ocean were landed in Castle garden, where John chattered about with the other immigrants of his own age and condition in life. The family at once started for Michigan, landing here in August, 1890. John entered the city schools and for six years he continued until he reached the grammar grade.

C. C. Chandler, then principal of the grammar school, advised him to take a position with Dygert Bros. & Co., printers and bookbinders. He took the teacher's advice and from "devil" he rose to the dignity of foreman of the press room. He held this position when his health failed and he took up less convincing work. He began soliciting and collecting for Dygert Bros., and at the same time became manager of The Workman. Later he formed a partnership in the printing business and did business for a year under the firm name of Verkerke, Taylor & Hinsdill. On leaving this partnership he began work for the Valley City Engraving company, with which company he remained until last fall, when he resigned to take a place in the county clerk's office. Mr. Verkerke is a strong republican, but never held office until last spring, when the people of the eleventh ward chose him to represent them in the common council. He has shown good judgment and has done conscientious work since his election, and will doubtless represent the ward for many successive terms.

Giving Him Pointers.

An ex-travelling salesman who is now in business for himself was giving a novice in the drummer business some pointers the other evening and some of his statements are worth printing. He said: "Don't go to New Orleans in summer. There isn't a decent hotel there, and the gutters are filled with a jelly-like mass of filth which festers in the dense heat and crawls slowly toward the river. Why, I have seen the cockroaches so thick on the register of the best hotel in New Orleans that they would completely blot out your name before the clerk could look at it. And it is not uncommon to see the top crust of a pie lifted right up and carried off the table by them. Then talk about such a Great South! I make you sick. I drank coffee in a hotel for three weeks in New Orleans and I supposed the small brown specks floating on the top were grounds. Imagine my feelings when I discovered that they were ants which had secreted themselves in the sugar I had used in my coffee. I had actually been swallowing these things for three weeks. Then there are the waiters. The dirtiest Digger Indian is a white-robed angel compared to a New Orleans hotel waiter. If you don't tip them liberally they will give you the worst of it. My advice to you is to make New Orleans in the winter, when, I have heard, it was more pleasant."

Health of Grand Rapids Good.

"If some one don't get sick pretty soon I will have to go and live with my wife's relatives," remarked a well-known doctor whose office is located on Monroe street. "It just beats all that I ever experienced since I left college. If it was not for my office work I would starve. I have not had a call in two weeks. There is one thing, however, which gives me courage. I can look right over there into Dr. J.'s office, and he has the reputation of having the largest practice in the city, and he is not doing much more than I. The fact is, the health of Grand Rapids is good. Yes, it's too good."

TOURNAMENT OFF.

The State Meeting Abandoned for Lack of Entries.

The state tennis tournament which was to have been held on the courts of the Country club, this city, commencing next Tuesday, has been abandoned. The Country club had made considerable preparation for the tournament, and had arranged for a dance and supper for the entire tournament of the visiting players. The cause of the abandonment is the lack of entries from the Detroit club. Word was received yesterday by Ralph Stone, secretary of the state association and local manager, that owing to a combination of circumstances the Detroit Athletic club and the Michigan Athletic association would be able to send only one team together. The Detroit experts are either out of the city or are unable to leave their business. The Country club was to have been represented by Ralph Stone, Charles W. Bonwood and Arthur T. Hatch in the singles, and Stone and Hatch, Crosby and Avery, and Crosby and Bonwood in the doubles, and the city of Grand Rapids outside of the Country club by Ray Crosby and George H. Hollister in the singles.

The prizes in the local tournament were offered by Stetler and Barclay, who first made a Stetson racket, which was awarded to Charles W. Bonwood, winner of second prize in the singles, and an "American Tack" racket

by Homan Patridge & Co., of Boston, which was awarded to Arthur T. Hatch, winner, with Ralph Stone, of the first prize in doubles. The "American Tack" is one of the leading rackets, and is largely used by local players.

Burial Permits.

Julia Harnish, Walker township, Mt. Calvary. Johanna DePro, No. 222 Earl street, Fulton street. George Korhonen, No. 1000 Broadway, Valley City. Charles Howard Walker, No. 355 Ottawa street, Greenwood. John Marling, No. 563 Adams street, Valley City. Infant of Gershort Ver Hocke, No. 276 Ann street, Fair Plains. Charles Loring, No. 17 Fairbanks street, Valley City. Charles Larson, No. 166 Fourth street, Greenwood. Marianna Tomaszewski, No. 330 First street, Mt. Calvary.

Contagious Diseases.

Sarah Rowley, No. 24 Warren street, typhoid fever. William Sommer, No. 85 Kent street, whooping cough. William Van Otter, No. 137 Central avenue, measles. Ducks Loring, No. 17 Fairbanks street, cholera infantum.

W. C. T. U. Picnic.

Kent County W. C. T. U. will hold its annual picnic at North park August 17. There will be an address by M. H. Walker and others. All friends are invited to attend. M. E. Rowland, President.

Died.

CLEMENT—Friday afternoon, Arthur Clement, aged 6 months and 1 day. Funeral will be held from the family residence, No. 626 College avenue, at 3 p. m. today.

E. G. Cherrymann, funeral director, No. 29 Fountain street. Telephone 1,003.

To Cleanse the System.

Effectually yet gently, when constive or bilious, or when the blood is impure or sluggish, to permanently cure habitual constipation, to awaken the kidneys and liver to a healthy activity, without irritating or weakening them, to dispel headaches, colds or fevers, use Syrup of Figs.

GREAT TAN SALE

At O'Hara's, 72 Canal Street.

We offer all our tan goods at a great reduction this week. They must go. Read the prices, call and see the goods. Ladies' \$2.00 coffee tan Oxford's, \$1.50. Ladies' \$1.75 fine goat tan Oxford's, \$1.25. Ladies' \$3.50 Russia calf bluchers, \$2.50. Gent's \$3.50 Russia calf bluchers, \$2.50. Child's \$1.75 chocolate tan button shoes, Philadelphia toes, the very latest, for \$1.25. Child's \$1.50 chocolate tan, same as above, for \$1.00.

This is a genuine cut of 50 cents to \$1.00 per pair, and reduces the prices within the reach of all. Call and examine these goods. Bargains in other departments at

O'HARA'S, 72 Canal street.

Will Soon Be Ready.

In a few days the largest, handsomest and most conveniently arranged fish and game emporium in the state will be opened to the public. The establishment of F. J. Dettenthaler is in the hands of carpenters, and when turned over to him, he will have a place of business that is a credit to any one. Mr. Dettenthaler has secured the room adjacent on the east, recently occupied by Mr. Patten, and both places are to be made into one huge salesroom. Mr. Dettenthaler is doing business right along at his old stand, serving his patrons with the latest and best delicacies in the market.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Ella W. Thomson wishes to express her thanks to the A. O. U. W. for the prompt payment to her of the insurance policy held by her lately deceased husband, J. W. Thomson.

Special Sale of Pianos.

Julius A. J. Friedrich, 30 and 32 Canal street, will have a special sale of second hand pianos this week. Excellent instruments are to be had for \$25, \$50 and \$75.00.

Ladies' Shirt Waists—25c was 50c. 50c was \$1.00. 75c was \$1.50. Mose's.

Experiments in rain-making at North park Sunday afternoon forms one of the many attractions.

Who Says Houses to Rent Are Scarce? Forty houses to rent from twelve to fifteen dollars at John C. Dunton & Co.'s office. See list on want page.

32 inch China silks in a most desirable line of colors 50 cents per yard. Mose's.

We have about 15 baby carriages to close out at prime cost. Mose's.

The Grocery Department offers—9 lbs granulated sugar 50c. Santa Claus soap 45c a bar. 3 cans beans, pumpkin, plums for 25c. Starch 3c a lb. Try the Chase & Sanborn World's Fair Coffee, at 10c, 25c, 30c and 35c. Our teas at 15c, 25c and 45c are the best. Mose's.

Last week—1/4 off—at Stauffer's.

Boyer, 80 Canal street, is selling shoes to newboys at 10 per cent above cost.

\$4.00 round trip to Chicago and return from Grand Rapids. Take 5:45 p. m. train on C. & W. M. Ry. and Holland steamers. Daily line. Time card on inside page.

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT on any in Grand Rapids will be accepted, and payment guaranteed by us, in exchange for anything in our line, the owners to retain same until work is complete or account due, or the certificate matures. WEATHERLY & PELTZ, New location 97 and 99 Pearl street.

Every night to Chicago via Ottawa Beach and Holland steamers. The direct and popular route. Lowest fare. Time card on inside page.

Wait for the new merchant tailoring firm of Shattuck & Goss, No. 41 North Jonia street, rear of People's Savings Bank.

Rain-making experiments Sunday at North park.

New time table on the Michigan Central railroad goes into effect August 13. Train that used to leave at 1:20 p. m. for Detroit, and the train from Jackson at 10 a. m. have been discontinued. All other trains run as before.

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BEST IN THE STATE

The Valley City Mills Again in Full Operation.

FAMOUS LILY WHITE FLOUR

A Complete Equipment of New Machinery Recently Placed in the Mills. Brief Mention of Improvements.

The Valley City Flouring Mills are now in full operation, using the new machinery which was erected this summer, work being completed last week. Few people little realize the large amount of business done by the Valley City Mills, simply because the company consists of gentlemen that believe in constant attention to duty, allowing some one else to praise its volume of business and speak in glowing terms of its prospects. Unassuming and unpretentious, the Valley City Mills grind slowly but surely each day, and the amount of product turned out each year, if stated, would be of such huge dimensions that the sum would be more than surprising.

For some months past a thorough and complete change has been taking place within the interior of the mills. Each floor has received its share of attention, and as a result, the Valley City Mills stand today as one of the most thoroughly complete of any to be found in the state. An entire new equipment of machinery has been erected, parts of which have been so placed as to be convenient and labor-saving. Visitors to the mill have many surprises in store for them, and are sure to praise the company for the compactness and convenience of every arrangement of the machinery, noticeable throughout the whole structure.

A representative of THE HERALD made a tour through the mills recently and for the benefit of all a brief mention is made of the many decided and noteworthy improvements of the Valley City Flouring Mills. Among the new machinery added are twenty double sets of elevators, thus making forty elevators, which run from the first floor to the top floor. Heretofore the elevators were scattered here and there, some on the ground floor, others in the basement; now they are concentrated into the center of the building. In the basement now the mill's machinery was operated, now it has been transferred to the floors above, thus doing away with the annoyances often caused by high water. The mill's new wheat cleaning machinery with their perfect dust collectors and the bolting system with its complete and systematic arrangement are the very best obtainable regardless of expense. They also have a full line of the Willford and Northway dustless purifiers, and upon stepping into the mill one is surprised to find instead of clouds of dust, rooms that are as clean as the floors of any manufacturing establishment.

Neither care nor expense was considered by the company in making these improvements, securing only the best machinery to be found, and as a consequence better equipped flouring mills than those this article refers to, cannot be found in the state. It is superfluous to go into details regarding the products of the Valley City Flouring Mills. Their brands of flour are too well known in western Michigan to need an introduction, suffice it to say that with their newly equipped mills, if possible even better qualities of flour will be placed on the market in the future than in the past. The Valley City Milling Company have no less than six hundred and eighty specialties, each of which is popular and widely used. Only the best grain is purchased and the highest prices are paid for the cereals. In fact everything is done to make the flour from the Valley City Milling Company just what everybody wants they are the best on the market. The famous brand of "Lily White" has become a household word. Those who once use it always give a second order. No brand of flour in Michigan can equal the "Lily White" for family use. When a fancy patent is desired for pastry use of choice white rolls or cakes, the "Champion" takes the lead and is the finest that can be produced.

In conclusion it is only necessary to state that the Valley City Milling Company is one of the most enterprising and prosperous concerns in the city. Like a Green Bay tree, it has flourished since its infancy, each year's business showing an increase over the preceding twelve months. The improvements so recently made are the most important steps made by the firm during their business career, and it is hoped these enterprises will be so appreciated that the present year's business will far surpass even the most sanguine expectations of all interested.

Rainmakers Outclassed. Experiments in rain-making at North park Sunday afternoon forms one of many features.

Solid Oak Side Board, with bevel plate mirror, cheap at \$30, our price \$13.50 this week at Heyman Company's.

1/4 off on everything at Stauffer's.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

CURE SICK HEAD.

Headache, yet Carter's Little Liver Pills rapidly relieve in constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint, while they correct all other ailments, soothe the stomach, regulate the bowels, even if they only cured.

Arise they would be almost promises to those who suffer from this distressing complaint, but fortunately their goodness does not end here, and those who once try them will find these little pills valuable in so many ways that they will not be willing to do without them, but after all stick to it.

In the house of so many things that there is where we make our great boast. Our pills cure it while others do not.

Carter's Little Liver Pills are very small and very easy to take. One or two pills make a dose. They are strictly vegetable and do not contain any harmful or dangerous ingredients, and they are sold in every drug store.

CARTER MEDICINE CO., New York.

Small Pill. Small Box. Small Price.

A REMARKABLE CASE.

Stubborn Diseases Yield to Skillful Treatment After Thirteen Doctors Had Failed.

It is a positive fact that the art of curing diseases by electricity is revolutionizing the practice of medicine, as is shown by the following open card that speaks for itself—

Answer 5, 1903.

MR. EDITOR—Dear Sir: I here wish to testify to the wonderful success of Dr. Darrin's treatment of my case. Ever since I was a child I have been a sufferer from catarrhal croup, which of late years developed into asthma and other throat complications. I had also severe pains in my head, loss of sight and other extreme nervous disorders. During the past few years I had been under treatment of over thirteen physicians in this city and Chicago, and derived a little or no benefit, and my case was given up as hopeless. Having heard much of Dr. Darrin, I consulted him, and put myself under their Electro-Magnetic treatment. To my great surprise I soon began to feel wonderfully improved. My pains left me and my cough ceased and can sleep well nights. In fact all my troubles have nearly disappeared, and I am growing stronger and rapidly regaining my health, and sincerely believe that I will soon be entirely well. Out of gratefulness to Dr. Darrin and for the sake of suffering humanity I wish to recommend him to the afflicted, as he is the only physician that has ever done me any good. I am a professional nurse, and can be seen and referred to. Address 101 Canal street, Grand Rapids, Mich. ALICE SCOTT.

Dr. Darrin can be consulted free at their office No. 22 Jefferson avenue, near corner Fulton, Grand Rapids, Mich., where they have recently located, for the cure of the sick and afflicted.

Office hours from 10 to 5 daily; evenings, 7 to 9; Sundays, 10 to 12. Their charges are reasonable at the low rate of \$5 per month for each and every disease until cured, except in surgical and special complicated cases. The worthy poor treated free from 10 to 11 a. m. daily.

They cure permanently all diseases of the genito urinary organs, in either sex, such as Loss of Manhood, Blood Taints, Syphilis, Gleet, Gonorrhea, Stricture, Spermatorrhea, Seminal Weakness or Loss of Sexual Power in man or woman. All peculiar Female Troubles, Leucorrhoea, Displacements, etc. They make a specialty of all diseases of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, and also treat successfully deafness and catarrh, as well as acute, chronic and nervous diseases of whatever nature, if curable. No cases taken if not.

Cures of private diseases guaranteed and never published in the papers. Dr. Darrin have a system of home treatment for those unable to visit their offices, and will send to any address their Electro-Magnetic Remedies on receipt of \$5, and full symptoms of the disease. One visit to the office is desired, but is not necessary in all cases. Inquiries by mail promptly answered. (Parties writing will please mention paper.)

Driving the Brain

at the expense of the Body. While we drive the brain we must build up the body. Exercise, pure air—foods that make healthy flesh—refreshing sleep—such are methods. When loss of flesh, strength and nerve become apparent your physician will doubtless tell you that the quickest builder of all three is

Scott's Emulsion

of Cod Liver Oil, which not only creates flesh of and in itself, but stimulates the appetite for other foods.

Prepared by Scott & Bown, N. Y. All druggists.

May now be obtained from any druggist. Price, 25c per bottle. They are sent up in convenient form and

ARE WARRANTED TO CURE HEADACHE.

Ask any druggist of what make of headache powders he sells the most and he will say, "Peck's."

No stronger proof of their superior merit can be given. Besides, every dealer is authorized to refund the money if the customer is disappointed.

PRICE 25c.

Three Boxes for 75c.

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PRICE 25c.

Three Boxes for 75c.

PECK BROTHERS.

PHYSICIANS.

H. RACHELOR, M. D., Cancer Specialist.

No. 20 Monroe street, Grand Rapids, Mich. Send for a circular, free, describing symptoms of all kinds of cancer, and containing the names and addresses of more than 1,000 persons who have cured with his famous plaster treatment. No trade used. Tell your doctor you will not take his cure.

DR. D. MILTON GREENE, Fracture Consulted to Diseases of the EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT.

No. 141 Monroe Street. New Hospital. Grand Rapids, Mich. Office hours—9 to 12 a. m., 2 to 5 p. m. Evenings by appointment, telephone 12 talk 1. Telephone 63 & 65 CANAL ST.

PERSONAL
Gentlemen of Grand Rapids who are in the habit of buying \$5.00 hats will be pleased to know that they can now buy the celebrated "YOUTMAN" HAT OF BORN, THE HATTER WHO HAS THE AGENCY.

HEYMAN & COMPANY

THE TRADE EVENT OF THE SEASON! DON'T MISS IT!

THE GRAND MID-SUMMER SALE

WILL BE CONTINUED ANOTHER WEEK.

A fearful cut in prices. Profit, cost, everything ignored in this grand sale. The quantity of goods sold last week was phenomenal, but the prices were wofully low. The bargains offered this week cannot be matched in this country. Below we quote a few of the many astonishing purse-opening values.

ishing, please opening various.

Six Cane Seat Dining Chairs.....	\$3.50	China Matting, per yard...	11 C
Ladies' Writing Desks, solid oak.....	\$4.50	Chenille Curtains, per pair.....	\$2.90
Bed Room Suits, two pieces, castored.....	\$7.00	Lace Curtains, per pair....	60 C
Welch Folding Bed, with wardrobe, cheap at \$25.....	\$18.50	Chenille Table Spread...	85 C
Sideboards, solid oak, large mirror, regu- lar price \$15.....	\$10.75	Carpets, Body Brussels, (this is the best price ever offered on this grade of carpet), per yard.....	99 C
Dinner Sets, 100 pieces English ware, only a few sets left.....	\$6.25	Toilet Sets, 12 pieces, decorated and gold lined, regular price \$6.50, now.....	\$3.95
Knives and Forks, sil- ver plated, per doz....	\$1.30	Hanging Lamps, former price \$3.50, now.....	\$1.75
Granite Iron Ware Tea Pots, three pints, each.....	45 C	Hanging Lamps, Roches- ter burner, former price \$10, now.....	\$5.50
Granite Iron Ware Preserv- ing Pans, each.....	20 C	Banquet Lamps, Roches- ter burner, former price \$4.50, now.....	\$2.50
Granite Iron Ware Tea Ket- tles, each.....	80 C	Refrigerators, one-quarter OFF our whole line.	
Brussels Carpet, per yard.....	45 C		

We have the largest line of Parlor Suits and Odd Pieces ever shown by one house in the state. We also have an elegant line of Oak, Mahogany and White Maple Center Tables. Come and see them. Cash or Credit.

HEYMAN & COMPANY,
The Leading House Furnishers of Michigan,
55, 57, 59, 61 CANAL ST.
63 & 65 CANAL ST.